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FRANK M. MIJARES, JR., 7234 Eagle Pass Street, Houston, Texas, was interviewed at the United States Public Health Service Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was receiving treatment as an outpatient.

He advised that he is presently a crew member of the SS Lealie Lykes and during Voyage 110 of the SS Marion Lykes in September - October of 1959 had served on that vessel as bedroom steward.

After examining a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, MIJARES said that he recalled OSWALD as a passenger on the SS Marion Lykes in the fall of 1959. MIJARES stated that OSWALD was not inclined to do much talking and at no time told him the reason for his making the trip to France or talked about himself. MIJARES said he recalled that after the first and second days, subsequent to sailing from New Orleans, OSWALD had instructed him to leave the cabin, which he shared with another young man, alone and for this reason he assumed that OSWALD was sea sick during this period. He also recalled that OSWALD subsequently reprimanded him for not having mopped the floor of his cabin to his satisfaction. According to MIJARES, when OSWALD got off the SS Marion Lykes he did not say goodbye and did not leave a tip.

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<u>Background Research</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Harvey Lee Oswald</u>	
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	DATES COVERED		
<u>Austin, Texas</u>	<u>February 27 & 28, 1964</u>		
INVESTIGATION MADE BY	DETAILS		
<u>SA Kenneth J. Wassman</u>	SYNOPSIS		
Billy Joe Lord, Airman 3/C, interviewed at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Austin, Texas, and advises that he had no knowledge of Harvey Lee Oswald's ultimate travel destination.			
(A) INTRODUCTION:			
Reference is made to SAIC Weiskit's memorandum report dated 2-25-64, and Chief's memorandum dated 1-29-64, requesting that Billy Joe Lord be interviewed regarding his and Harvey Lee Oswald's trip to France aboard the SS Marion Lykes.			
(B) GENERAL INQUIRIES:			
On February 27, 1964, a check of the Austin Police Department files failed to reveal the name of Billy Joe Lord. On the same date, a check of the criminal files at the Texas Department of Public Safety was made, however, this subject was not on file.			
On February 27, 1964, by telephone, Billy Joe Lord was located through the base locator and arrangements were made to interview this subject on February 28, 1964.			
On February 28, 1964, interviewed 1st Lt. John C. Mateer, Administrative Officer, 340th Bomb Wing, Combat Defense Sqdn, Bergstrom Air Force Base, who advised that Billy Joe Lord was a new Airman in the Sqdn, however, he was considered honest, trustworthy and of good character.			
(C) PERSONAL INTERVIEW:			
On February 28, 1964, interviewed Airman 3/C, Billy Joe Lord, at Bergstrom Air Force Base. He is described as American, White, Male, 22 years, 5-10, 155 pounds,			
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brown hair, blue eyes, rudy complexion, small build, dob August 31, 1941, poB Midland, Texas, Air Force serial number AF 18649720. His parents are W. B. Lord and Alice M. Lord who reside at 2403 Holloway Street, Midland, Texas. He has a sister Mrs. Katherine E. Castleberry, who also resides at the above address. This subject is currently attached to the 340th Bomb Wing, Combat Defense Sqn, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Austin, Texas. He advised that he attended the Midland High School, Midland, Texas, from September 1956 to May 1959.

Airman Lord advised that after graduating from the Midland High School in 1959, with financial assistance from his parents, he made plans to continue his education in France. During August, 1959, he made application for a passport and on or about September 15, 1959 departed Midland, Texas, via train for New Orleans, La., arriving there about September 17, 1959. He states that he spent the next three days touring the city of New Orleans and made several trips to the ticket office of the Lykes Lines. He states that he registered and stayed in a hotel on Canal Street (name unknown) that was near the city library. He states that he did visit the library several times during his stay in the city. During this period the subject states that he did not know Harvey Lee Oswald.

On September 20, 1959, he boarded the freighter SS Marion Lykes, at New Orleans and was assigned a cabin that he shared with Harvey Lee Oswald. The subject states that this was his first meeting of Harvey Lee Oswald. He further stated that he shared this cabin with Harvey Lee Oswald for the duration of the trip to France.

Airman Lord advised that Harvey Lee Oswald proceeded him aboard the SS Marion Lykes and was unpacking his belongings upon his arrival. No other persons were present. After an introduction by the ship's officer the two were left alone. The subject advised that Oswald was unfriendly, standoffish and that the two of them "didn't hit it off". He stated that during the voyage they did not discuss governments or any individuals in government. He stated that they did discuss religion to quite an extent and that Oswald continuously stated that there was no supreme being or God and that anyone with intelligence would recognize that there was only matter.

Airman Lord stated that it was his understanding that Oswald had purchased a ticket to the British Isles, probably to the port of Southampton. He also stated that Oswald had said that he was going to travel around in Europe; that he might attend school in Sweden or Switzerland if he has sufficient funds; that he was recently discharged from the Marines; that he had worked in the radar field in the Marines; that his mother worked in a drug store in Fort Worth, Texas; that he was bitter about her having to work in a drug store and having a hard time; that he was just going on a trip to tour Europe and maybe attend school; and that he would probably return to the United States to work. He gave no indication of his ultimate destination.

This subject further stated that besides Oswald and himself their were two

other passengers aboard the SS Marion Lykes. They were a retired U. S. Army Colonel and his wife, however, Lord could not recall their names. Airman Lord stated that the four passengers usually ate their meals together in the ship's officers' mess, however, the retired Colonel and his wife did not associate much with Harvey Lee Oswald.

Airman Lord stated that he shared a dinner with Oswald, however, he did not observe anything out of the ordinary among Oswald's possessions. The subject stated that Oswald had few clothes and he and Oswald showed him his passport. He stated that at no time during their discussions did Oswald indicate any knowledge regarding Marxism, nor did he indicate that he might defect to Russia. He stated that to the best of his knowledge Oswald received no correspondence or communications while aboard the ship, nor did he associate with any of the ship's crew. He stated that Oswald never mentioned any contacts or friends in Europe. Passage aboard the ship SS Marion Lykes amounted to approximately \$200.00. He stated that Oswald appeared to be a normal healthy individual, mentally alright, but extremely cynical.

He further stated that on Oct. 5, 1959, they arrived at LaPalisse, France, and that he disembarked from the SS Marion Lykes and never saw or heard from Oswald again. He stated that Oswald was not in their cabin upon his departure and that he did not know if Oswald went ashore at this port.

He stated that he attended the Institute of French Studies at the City of Tours, Province of Touraine, France from October, 1959 to February, 1962, intermittently, while auditing courses at the University of Poitiers, Tours, France, and at Sorbonne, University of Paris, Paris, France. He also advised that he returned to the United States aboard the French Ship Liberty in June, 1960. He departed the United States Feb., 1961 enroute to France and returned to the United States in February, 1962, travelling both voyages aboard the Queen Mary.

(D) DISPOSITION:

This case is closed in the Austin office with the submission of this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Chief's Office: Copies of Billy Joe Lord's passport application and photograph.